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***Response to Arguments***

Amendments after final filed on February 1 2008 is hereby acknowledged.

Examination on the merits has ended. It should be kept in mind that Applicant cannot, as a matter of right, amend any finally rejected claims or add new claims after a final rejection (37 CFR 1.116).

Applicant's arguments filed on February 1 2008 have been considered but they are not persuasive. Arguments that were addressed in earlier office action will not be repeated here.

Applicant's argument that prior art does not teach, disclose or suggest elastic resin is considered but is not found persuasive because epoxy resin is elastic. Fig 4 of Deakin shows that the tubes are in contact with the insulation since any light spray on the insulation (like is common on foam) is regarded as part of the insulation.

The amended claims would require new search and/or consideration and therefore the amendment would not be entered.

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